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Students arrested for computer caper - campus seethes with suspicion

Administrators and faculty members at Capilano College are reeling in shock this morning after revelations from the Business Management Department. In an official announcement, dated April 1, Business Management Chairman Richard Longworth revealed that some of his Computer Systems Management students have "cracked" the bank machine on campus.

"This came as a terrible shock to the department," said Longworth, visibly shaken. "When the students said that they were working on a cash machine computer security system as their term project, we thought they meant that they were going to improve it. Unfortunately, when the project came in for evaluation, their instructor found out that that was not what they had had in mind."

A spokesman for the Computing Systems students, who declined to be named, explained that they had taken on the project as being "challenging and potentially a good return on our investment." When asked to explain the graduating class's arrangements to fly to Hong Kong for their graduation dinner, he defended it as "a golden opportunity for students to research international business opportunities and take a first hand look at one of the world's most important financial centres."

"Chartering the 747 was also a valuable experience," he added.

Computer Management instructor Riley O'Connor expressed his deep disappointment.

"I really want to express my deep disappointment in the conduct of my students and also in the fact that I won't be going to Hong Kong after all," he said.

"Oberndorf shouldn't get all the fun around here. Anyway, I think you should look into the role that the SCAT students

played in this whole thing—I'm sure that they were the ones behind it."

When contacted, SCAT Coordinator Ted Bentley was indignant at the idea that his students might be involved. "I am indignant at the very idea," he said. "My students would never get involved in such an underhanded scheme." When questioned on the subject of the sudden growth of the Natural Sciences Scholarship fund from \$850 to \$85,000, he simply noted that "Keith puts on one heck of a slide show," and would make no further comments.

"I have no further comments on that," said Bentley.

Bank representatives have been tight-lipped about the incident, declining all interviews, but sources in the industry say that they had been wondering about the \$50,000 daily cash withdrawals from the campus machine, despite the college's location in an affluent suburb. As for the method employed by the Computing students, a tight lid of secrecy has been clamped over the students and their instructors, and the bank is reportedly tracking down rumours that others on campus may have been taking advantage of their security breach.

Meanwhile, College President Dr. Douglas K. Jardine has categorically denied that the pilfering was carried on with the tacit support of Cap employees. "We must categorically deny all knowledge of this unfortunate incident," said Jardine.

"These reprehensible actions were perpetrated only by a small group of unethical, but top-notch students, acting entirely at their own behest. We hope never to have anything like this come to light at Capilano again."

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Nevertheless, the campus is awash in persistent rumours that more than one college group may have been let in on the cash bonanza. Beaver Foods cafeteria manager Barbara Renaud points to the enormous number of \$20 bills that have been tying up the North and South Cafe cashiers over the last couple of months, while Maintenance employee Ash Barton noted the long lineups at the bank machine which had reached as far as the bus stop by the end of February, and the Bookstore by the end of March. Curiously, though, no witnesses have been found who can identify any of the persons in these lineups as either college students or employees.

In the Financial Services office where staff members were having a celebratory lunch in honour of an unexpected budget surplus at the end of the fiscal year, top officials had little to say. "I have nothing to say," said accountant Alan Ng. But an unnamed Dean in his office across the hall was overheard remarking to Personnel assistant Sandy Chester: "So that's how Marie's been coming up with money all this time. I did wonder about the shopping bags full of cash."

A check in the Purchasing department showed an unusual amount of activity in the last month. "We thought it was just the year end rush until Ken Hughes ordered two new custom vans, assorted power tools, and an addition to K building with offices, ensuite bathrooms, sauna, hot tub, and a walk-in refrigerator," said Buyer, Rilla Hallwood. "Oh, and ten cases of Cuban cigars."

"Come to think of it," added Jo Dunlop, "Don Basham just came in and asked for a quote on a rescue helicopter... Hmmm."

In the Financial Aid Office, Connie Gibbs denied any previous knowledge of the windfall, but admitted that it had been a good semester for bursaries. "The hundred and ninety-five Paul Casselman Memorial Bursaries of \$200 really helped out," she said. She declined to mention the source of the money, saying that the donor preferred to remain anonymous.

Also remaining anonymous at this time are the donors of \$150,000 to the library, \$100,000 to the Westcoast Reader, \$75,000 to the Capilano Review, \$10,000 to the Art Scholarship fund, \$20,000 to the Native Student Centre, \$200,000 to the Business Management Students' Club, and funding for a greenhouse for the Landscape Program, additions to the Dynamics Lab, Daycare Centre and Theatre Lab, and grants to the Modern Languages Department for educational field trips to Mexico City, Paris and Munich.

No one from the Music Department was available for an interview as they were all busy unloading the three grand pianos which have just arrived. "Can't you see that we're busy?" said Carol McQuarrie. "Go away!"

Director of Planning for Capilano, Alan Smith, noted that this unfortunate incident will result in a change of plans for the College. "In view of all this negative publicity, we have withdrawn our requests for bank machines for the Sechelt and Squamish campuses, and are also cancelling the requests for further such services at Lynnmour from the Bank of Montreal, Royal Bank, Toronto Dominion, Bank of Nova Scotia, Bank of B.C., Canada Trust, Van City Savings, North Shore Credit Union and B.C.T.C.U."

"And I want to repeat that the unexpected anonymous donation to the gymnasium fund in the amount of \$300,000 is simply a coincidence."

Nine Computer Management students have been released on bail and are awaiting sentencing in Waikiki. Although they have been suspended from the program and will miss final exams, their cumulative marks, including the A's on their term project, should allow them to obtain their diplomas.

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